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your support of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I oppose this amendment and probably a lot of the other amendments. As most people do know Senator Kilgarin feels very sincere in her beliefs in trying to improve the medical malpractice. She introduced a bill that went through the hearing process of the committee. Now basically what we are trying to do now apparently is rerefine everything that has already came out of committee and through months and months of testimony and this does nothing but create more problems with a well written bill right now and I oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Kilgarin, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Speaker Nichol. It sounds like some people in here got their marching orders, didn't they? Don't accept any more amendments. We've got the votes. Ram this thing through. I think it is time we stop, listen to these amendments individually. I proposed them individually so you would understand them. This is a complicated law. I am trying to make it a little easier to understand and if you would make up your own mind instead of taking marching orders from people out there, and you know who I am talking about, you might make the right decision. You might keep the general public in mind. This is not going to hurt the docs. This is not going to hurt the trial attorneys. This is going to help the consumer. It just says that, Martin Kahle, if you decide you don't want to be covered by this act, you file once. You don't have to go back every two years and file that you want to opt out. I would appreciate your support for this amendment. It is a reasonable amendment. It does not affect the cap. It will not affect doctors' insurance premiums or hospitals' insurance premiums. It will make it a little easier, a little easier for the consumer who decides they don't want to be covered by this unconstitutional Medical Liability Act.